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Carlisle Moves Toward LGBT Protection; Strong Business Support

By CENTRAL VOICE

"We're looking at a full vote in the Fall," Carlisle city councilman Sean Crampsie tells *Central Voice*.

Crampsie was elected to the Carlisle Borough Council in 2016 where he serves as chairman of council's Employee Relations and Citizen Participation Committee and vice-chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. He works as a lobbyist for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

"I had been living in the Allentown and Bethlehem area where those municipalities have LGBT protections.

I wanted the same for Carlisle," he says. Although Pennsylvania is the only state in the Northeast without state-level LGBT



protections, 34 municipalities in recent years have passed such laws.

Any Pennsylvania resident can file a complaint with the State Human Relations Commission but without a state law the entity has little jurisdiction. "Experience tells us that filing on the state level can take eight to 10 weeks for a reply," Crampsie explains. Such complaints do not have the full force of law behind them since sexual and gender identity is not a protected class in Pennsylvania.

A feature of Carlisle's proposed ordinance is that it establishes both protections for sexual orientation and gender identity and a city-based human relations commission. "I made it clear from the beginning that we needed both – a law and a way to bring relief at the city level," Crampsie

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Creating Change 2017 Meets in Philadelphia

Largest Gathering of Activists, Organizers and Leaders in the LGBTQ Movement

By CENTRAL VOICE

"We wanted a way to teach each other and to learn from each other," Sue Hyde tells *Central Voice*. Hyde is one of the founders of Creating Change, the LGBTQ movement's largest national gathering.

Four thousand people attended last year's Creating Change conference held in Chicago. For 2017 the activist venue convenes in Philadelphia Jan. 18–22. Pennsylvania last hosted the event in 1998 in Pittsburgh.



Hyde

Historically, the activist venue was founded following the 1987 March on Washington which brought together people from all over the nation to focus on LGBT civil rights.

"After the successful March, we wanted to

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Central Voice founder Frank Pizzoli participating in the 1987 March on Washington.

If You Act Up, They Will Come

ANALYSIS

By FRANK PIZZOLI

Last issue readers learned about Kai Kelly and Kris Waldrab, leaders of Spectrum Alliance, a relatively new LGBT organization in Lycoming County.

The Alliance's mission is to foster safety, respect, and inclusion in the Williamsport and surrounding communities by providing opportunities for discussion and education about matters affected by gender and sexual identity.

Kelly and Waldrab jumped publicly into the political fray when they appeared April 26 before Lycoming County's Montoursville School District. The school board had appointed a director who had



Waldrab



Kelly

publically posted anti-LGBT comments online, a situation that since calmed down.

"I wanted students to know that they are not alone. That's why I spoke at the school board meeting," Kelly told *Central Voice* about his presentation before the school board. Kelly is a 29-year-old transgender man transitioning from female to male.

Waldrab, 28, told *Central Voice*, "If I can talk about it, then maybe you'll feel more comfortable talking about it," describing what he hoped to achieve with the audience that night.

Since last April's public efforts to create dialogue, they have created change.

Spectrum Alliance now hosts two monthly meetings attended by 20-25 people, and as many as

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Political Updates

INTERNATIONAL

• UN Establishes LGBT Rights Watchdog



J. Lester Feder, BuzzFeed News World Correspondent, reports that the United Nations Human Rights Commission has created the institution's first LGBT rights watchdog. The resolution passed in a vote of 23 to 18,

with 6 abstentions. The person appointed to this role will be known as an "independent expert" and the position is charged with monitoring "violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity." Opponents of the resolution, led by Pakistan on behalf of almost all members of the Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC), succeeded in adding several amendments that framed the LGBT rights proposal as a cultural imposition intending to override local values and sovereignty.

• WHO May Declassify Transgender Identity

Pam Belluck reports that the World Health Organization may declassify transgender identity as a mental disorder in its global list of medical conditions, with a new study lending additional support to a proposal that would delete the decades-old designation. The change, which has so far been approved by each committee that has considered it, is under review for the next edition of the W.H.O. codebook, which classifies diseases and influences the treatment of patients worldwide.

"The intention is to reduce barriers to care," said Geoffrey Reed, a psychologist who is coordinating the mental health and behavior disorders section in the upcoming edition of

NATIONAL

• Former Service Members Urged to Appeal

The Navy Times reports that Navy Department officials are urging thousands of sailors and Marines forced out of the military because of their sexuality in previous decades to come forward and appeal their discharge. The appeals could restore benefits. The Board for Correction of Naval Records can overturn a wide range of records, from counseling letters to detachments for cause, but recently they have been putting the word out to veterans who were separated because of the military's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy — and its previous across-the-board ban — that they can have their discharges upgraded and their reenlistment codes or reason codes changed to reflect a post-DADT world. Since opening the service to gays and lesbians in 2011, the Navy has granted 123 discharge upgrades out of 413 requests, according to Defense Department data. Marines who were kicked out during DADT, from 1993 to 2011, according to Navy Department statistics.

• Cabby Can Keep Money – If



A NYC cabby ordered by the city's Human Rights Commission to pay \$14,000 to two lesbians at whom he cursed for kissing in the back seat can keep the money if he takes lessons in why discrimination is hurtful, the victims have said. Mohammad Dahbi was told to pay \$7,000 each to Christina

Spitzer and Kassie Thornton for a 2011 incident, where he allegedly flipped out and called them "whores" and "bitches" for violating his "no-kissing policy." "We never wanted to financially ruin him," said Thornton. "We want him to acknowledge what he did, say he's wrong, do the training, and be a better human."

• NBA Moves 2017 All-Star Game over HB2

Katherine Peralta and Rick Bonnell report for the The Charlotte Observer the NBA will move the 2017 All-Star Weekend out of Charlotte over concerns about the state's anti-gay House Bill 2. While the league said the event is moving to a yet-to-be-determined alternate city, the NBA has assured the Charlotte Hornets the 2019 event will return to Charlotte if issues involving House Bill 2 are resolved, officials said. Hornets President Fred Whitfield told the Observer the NBA has no plans to put 2019 – the next available All-Star Weekend – out to general bid. "We've been assured if the HB2 situation is resolved, we'll be hosting" All-Star Weekend, Whitfield said.

• Fed Judge Criticizes MS Marriage Law



After the Supreme Court's ruling in favor of marriage equality, Mississippi passed a law allowing county clerks to recuse themselves from granting marriage licenses. Criticizing the state officials, U.S. District Court Judge Carlton Reeves wrote, "[T]he Supreme Court's ruling will be enforced." He ruled that the law

was an impermissible attempt to get around the Supreme Court's marriage decision. "[T]he Supreme Court's ruling will be enforced," U.S. District Court Judge Carlton Reeves wrote of the year-old decision in Obergefell v. Hodges.

• Orlando Republicans Back Protections



In a show of solidarity with the communities they serve and the 49 victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting, a group of over 20 Republican leaders from Central Florida have signed a resolution pledging to support efforts to pass legislation banning discrimination based on sexual

orientation or gender identification. The presentation took place at the Orange County Republican Executive Committee Lincoln Day Dinner, and was lead by Mayor Teresa Jacobs. There were 49 roses placed in front of the podium to remember the victims of the Pulse attack, almost all who were members of the Hispanic and LGBTQ communities. The resolution supports the creation laws and ordinances that promote fairness by banning anti-gay and gender based discrimination and reads "Now, Therefore, we the undersign do hereby Resolve that all Americans should be treated with equality, dignity and respect, and support efforts of Florida Businesses and individuals to pass legislation banning discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identification".

• Marco Rubio Headlines Anti-LGBT Event



Right Wing Watch reports that when Marco Rubio cited the deadly attack on a gay nightclub in Orlando as a reason he was changing his mind and running for re-election to the U.S. Senate, many LGBT allies immediately noted that the Florida senator and

failed presidential candidate has never been an ally of the LGBT community. "To be using the tragedy in Orlando as a time to reflect on his Senate career, when his career and his promises on the campaign trail have been anti-LGBTQ consistently, it's just staggering to think he would be using this moment for his own personal ambitions," said Jay Brown of the Human Rights Campaign at the time. Rubio addressed in August that featured some of the country's

most vehement anti-LGBT activists. The Orlando-based Liberty Counsel Action, an extreme anti-LGBT group whose affiliate is famous for representing Kentucky clerk Kim Davis in her stand against the Supreme Court's marriage equality decision, announced in an email today that the Florida Renewal Project will be hosting an event called "Rediscovering God in America" in August. The event will be headlined by Rubio, who will speak alongside anti-LGBT activists David Barton, Bill Federer, Ken Graves and Mat Staver.

• Congress Members Urge Worker Protections



128 members of Congress have urged a federal appeals court to protect against sexual orientation-based discrimination under existing civil rights laws. The request came in a "friend of the court" brief filed in Matthew Christiansen's case

before the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals. Christiansen sued Omnicom Group, Inc. claiming that the company discriminated against him, among other reasons, because he was gay. Christiansen argued that such treatment should be a violation of the ban on sex discrimination found in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, but the trial court judge dismissed the claim because, she wrote, a prior decision of the appeals court — *Simonton v. Runyon* — prevented her from being able to take Christiansen's position. Christiansen has appealed the judge's decision.

• Churches Challenge IA LGBT Protections

Zack Ford, Think Progress, reports that the Fort Des Moines Church of Christ, represented by the anti-LGBT Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), filed a federal lawsuit against the Iowa Civil Rights Commission seeking to completely knockdown the LGBT-inclusive Iowa Civil Rights Act. Cornerstone World Outreach, an historically litigious church based in Sioux City, similarly sent a demand letter to the Commission with representation from another anti-LGBT legal organization, the First Liberty Institute. The ADF suit argues that Fort Des Moines holds religious beliefs that do not recognize the gender identities of transgender people. In response to recent advances in transgender equality, the church's leaders have devised a written policy dictating that church visitors can only use restrooms matching their "biological sex" assigned at birth. The church is afraid to post this policy on the church's website or distribute it in the church's bulletin, however, because they fear the policy may violate state law, thus the legal challenge.

• SC 'bathroom bill' Sponsor Loses Seat



Spartanburg County Republican Sen. Lee Bright, who made gender bathrooms and defense of gun rights a cornerstone of his last months in office has lost his seat in a run-off election. According to the Charleston Post and Courier:

Voters launched a backlash against incumbents in runoff elections as a string of veteran lawmakers were tossed out of office, including Spartanburg County Republican Sen. Lee Bright, who made gender bathrooms and defense of gun rights a cornerstone of his last months in office. Bright, also known for his failed bills to track refugees resettling in South Carolina and to limit which bathrooms transgender individuals can use, lost to former state Rep. Scott Talley. The Conservation Voters of South Carolina said it knocked on 21,100 doors, made 7,500 phone calls, dropped 120,000 pieces of mail and spent more than \$90,000 trying to unseat state Sen. Lee Bright, who scored the lowest of any senator on its legislative scorecard. Bright was also subjected to a seemingly endless barrage of attack ads on Greenville's two

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The current issue (July-August, 2016) is one of *Central Voice's* est yet, for all the important reasons.

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Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to tell our story in the last issue (July-August, 2016).

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Frank Pizzoli

"Success is never final," said Winston Churchill, Britain's extraordinary Prime Minister who with Franklin Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin beat back Adolph Hitler's Nazis during World War II. Today's headlines underscore the depth of his wisdom.

In her column "Arms Wide Open" *Central Voice* columnist Rosemary Browne, Alder Health CEO, captures a similar aspect of why social justice requires regular maintenance. She writes: "Hate mongering and divisive language send messages of fear and distrust of our neighbors, making us ever vigilant and on guard in defense of our own personal safety and security." (See page 12.)

Veteran journalist and editor Trum Simmons writes about his fears. "What is happening in America when racism, misogyny, homophobia and other nasty values are elevated to such a high level?" he writes. (See page 6.)

Louie Marven, executive director, LGBT Community Center, laments the fact that Pennsylvania still has no statewide gay civil rights protections. "We're woefully behind our neighbors, as the only state in the northeast without these kind of protections." (See page 23.)



York's Joaquin Calles Guzman meditating at York Equality Fest

Joanne Carroll, TransGenderPA president, attended the Democratic National Convention. She tallies the growing presence among the political party's ranks. (See page 23.)

Terry Drew Karanen addresses "Making Sense of Life" if the journey continues. (See page 24.)

And, finally, since there is life after activism and social justice work, Dauphin County Library's Deborah Battisti offers her selection of romance novels. "Hot or sweet, sometimes both," she writes. (See page 17.)

Here you see York's Joaquin Calles Guzman meditating and offering his prayer garment as a place to write down our woes. That's beautiful. Let's follow his example, keep our arms wide open, and pledge to speak to the best in one another.

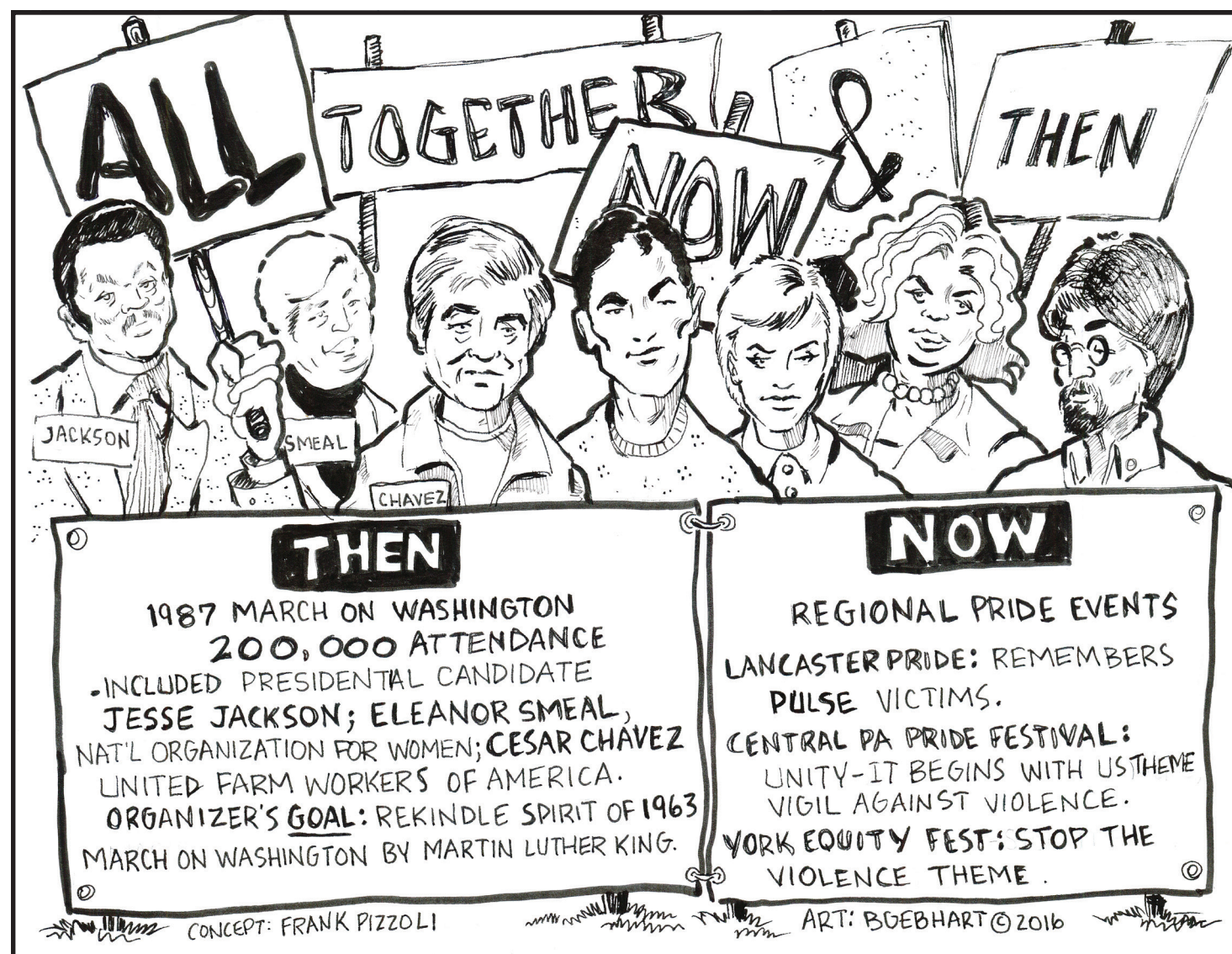
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To get rid of the burden.



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Christian Universities Can't Have It Both Ways

By ELIEL CRUZ

As LGBT rights continued to progress and it became increasingly clear marriage equality would become the law of the land, Christian universities started submitting requests for exemptions to Title IX. So far, more than 70 schools have submitted such requests, which would allow them to continue to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, and many have already been accepted.

In response, the California Senate is moving to pass a bill, The Equity in Higher Education Act, that would require these universities to offer transparency - and some Christians are not pleased.

The Christian Right is claiming the bill would require Christian schools to stop teaching their beliefs, that it's an affront to their religious freedom, or that it limits the amount of schools able to claim Title IX exemptions. All of these claims are patently false.

The bill requires three things: First, it would require schools to disclose their perusal of the Title IX exemption to prospective and current students, faculty members, and employees. The disclosure would have to include the reason for their request of the exemption and must be prominently displayed on campus in main administrative buildings.

Second, all schools requesting the Title IX exemption are required to submit all the documents to the Student Aid Commission, which will in turn list the schools on their website. The documents, such as Title IX exemption request letters, will also be available on the site for public

consumption.

Lastly, LGBT students at any of these Christian schools would be eligible to file a civil suit for discrimination. The last point is particularly concerning for the Christian schools and their supporters, because it could lead to an end in federal funding.

As a recent graduate of a private Christian university, Andrews University, I understand the challenges Christian universities face in attempting to accommodate LGBT students while also adhering to their anti-LGBT Christian constituency. I worked on my campus to make it safer for LGBT students. Christian institutions of higher education have always been where the rubber meets the road on LGBT and religious issues.

Unlike houses of worship, Christian Universities have LGBT individuals on their campus day and night. When the 2014 decision from the Department of Education came to include gender identity as a protected class in Title IX, these schools had to navigate the added complexities of housing transgender and gender non-conforming students in gender-separated dormitories.

Many times, these Christian schools are having to answer questions about LGBT individuals before their churches do. What is their scriptural stance on transgender identities? Can an LGBT person be out on campus so long as they're not intimate? Can LGBT students congregate in meetings or create a club?

These questions require them to practice their theology on sexuality and gender identity in practical situations. For the majority, as I've noted before, there is little to no

understanding of transgender identities on the part of these institutions. A quick scan of these schools' formal positions on trans identities reveals either a few short paragraphs that lack any theological or scientific backing, or an official stance missing entirely. The statements, positioned as authoritative, lack basic fundamental understandings of sexuality and gender. As such, these universities have no ground to deny transgender identities.

While there may be a lack of biblical narrative supporting their supposed "sincerely held" religious beliefs, these Christian universities have a right to discriminate - even if their beliefs are half-baked. But a legal right doesn't make the decision ethical. Any Christian institution that openly admits to discrimination needs to reevaluate basic Christian tenets of love, community, and fellowship. Christian universities have a responsibility to create a safe learning environment for all, including their LGBT students.

These schools should have to be transparent with their students and constituency. If these institutions feel comfortable requesting a right to discriminate then they should also feel comfortable defending their decision publicly. Just as the schools have their right to discriminate, so should the students have the right to private legal action when discriminated against. This may lead to Christian institutions losing federal funding. That's a good thing. No private institution should be able to receive government assistance while breaking its nondiscrimination laws.

Eliel Cruz is the Executive Director of Faith In America, an organization dedicated to ending religion-based bigotry toward LGBT people.

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conservative talk radio stations - courtesy of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, whose objections to Bright included his votes against tort reform, road-funding plans and aid to flood-stricken farmers.

• MS Governor Appeals Ruling



BuzzFeed News Reporter Chris Geidner reports that Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant has filed notice that he will appeal the federal judge's ruling that stopped implementation and enforcement of the state's recently passed anti-LGBT religious exemption law.

Bryant has also filed papers asking the judge, U.S. District Court Judge Carlton Reeves, to put the preliminary injunction on hold during his appeal of the ruling.

• MA Governor Signs Transgender Legislation

Mass. Governor Charlie Baker signed the transgender public accommodations bill (S2407) into law, capping off a more than 10 year fight for explicit protections under Massachusetts law for transgender people in public places, including parks, restaurants, hospitals, and public restrooms. The legislation passed the house and the senate with an emergency preamble provision that instructs the law to be enacted on October 1, 2016. Initially opposing such legislation, Baker said publically that having heard from transgender people and their families changed his thinking on the issue.

• Not Enough Signatures for Anti-trans Group

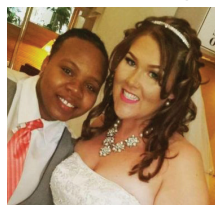
Sydney Brownstone reports that Just Want Privacy, the anti-trans group that wanted to make Washington state vote on trans people's civil rights, did not get enough signatures to qualify for the November ballot. "Washingtonians

have sent a clear message—we won't discriminate," Danni Askini, executive director of the Gender Justice League, said in an e-mailed statement. "Voters didn't buy the pitch that repealing our state's non-discrimination protections for transgender people would somehow make us safer. Washingtonians value fairness and equality and we believe that everyone in our state should be able to earn a living, frequent a business, earn an education, and raise a family free from the fear of discrimination."

• How Many Adults Identify as Transgender?

Using data from the 2014 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), which includes representative state-level surveys, Williams Institute scholars provide up-to-date estimates of the percentage and number of adults who identify as transgender in the United States. Approximately 0.6% of adults in the United States, or 1.4 million individuals, identify as transgender. The study also provides the first ever state-level estimates of the number and percentage of adults who identify as transgender for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Differences exist in the percentage of adults who identify as transgender among the states, ranging from 0.3% in North Dakota to 0.8% in Hawaii. Differences by age also exist, with younger adults more likely to identify as transgender than older adults. An estimated 0.7% of adults ages 18 to 24, 0.6% of adults ages 25 to 64, and 0.5% of adults ages 65 and older identify as transgender.

• Ohio Bakery Refuses Birthday Cake



LGBT Nation's Charline Jao reports that when Candice Lowe went to Take the Cake Bakery to buy a birthday cake to surprise her wife, the newlyweds were shocked to find her order was cancelled. Lowe told 13abc, "after [the owner] saw

my Facebook page, she found out that I was in a same-sex marriage and she could not do my cake."

The text from the Toledo bakery, which Lowe shared on Facebook, read: "Candice, I'm sorry... I just realized your [sic] in a same sex relationship and we do not do cakes for same sex weddings or parties... I'm so sorry. I wasn't aware of this exactly until I saw your page. Take care :)" "It wasn't a wedding cake, it was just a birthday cake," Candice said. "A birthday cake has nothing to do with your sexual preference." The couple married two weeks ago and have a son. "They should learn that they can't just discriminate against someone's sexual preferences, especially over something as simple as a cake," Lowe said.

• UMC Elects First Openly Lesbian Bishop



The Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church (UMC) delegates elected Rev. Karen Oliveto, pastor of Glide Memorial UMC in San Francisco, CA into the office of Bishop. Rev. Oliveto will lead the church as the denomination's first openly gay bishop despite the ongoing policies forbidding ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals." On the heels of General Conference where the global denomination voted to defer the current anti-LGBTQ policies of the church to a special commission, electing Rev. Karen Oliveto is one of many actions United Methodists have taken to move the church forward despite the lack of policy change. Individuals, churches, and conferences are declaring and practicing non-conformity with the discriminatory aspects of church teaching, refusing to keep qualified LGBTQ candidates from becoming ministers and opening church doors to same-sex weddings.

Ally in the Academy

By TRUM SIMMONS
HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Fear the Trump

I'm afraid. There, I said it.

I don't like fear, knowing what it can do to people in general, and myself in particular. And I know how to deal with fear, one way being to write a column about it.

Another way to deal with fear is humor, as the comedian Pat Paulson did when he ran for president in 1968. "We have nothing to fear but fear itself ... except of course the bogeyman," he said. I think FDR would have liked that line.

It's this U.S. presidential election that has me scared. Past elections have scared me too, but I've never experienced one like this. I've been voting since 1968. I was a tender 20 years old in 1964 and therefore not eligible to vote, but Barry Goldwater scared me. George Wallace scared me. Ross Perot scared me.

But I have been afraid at a whole new level by Donald Trump and his supporters in 2016.

I'm afraid for my country, my family and my friends. What is happening in America when racism, misogyny, homophobia and other nasty values are elevated to such a high level?

How can a presidential candidate convince so many people that this country is going down the tubes, and that straight white people are ceding their place in society and will eventually be done in by our increasingly multicultural country?

How can so many people believe that most politicians are corrupt, that the government is rigged against them, that the United States of America is losing its place in the world?

This leads us to the other big question, how can a man like Donald Trump be so successful in convincing so many people to believe his spiel? (Or more properly, spiels.)

The etymology of the word "spiel" is interesting. It means glib speech, and one of its earlier meanings was "to play circus music." Man, is that ever apt for the Trump campaign.

I fear for my country when I wake up in the middle of the night—literally--and find myself contemplating a Donald Trump presidency. Could this really happen? And then where would we be? This has kept me awake too many times over the past few months.

And I don't like being confronted with the following truths:

There are millions of Americans who are more racist than I like to think. They don't really know American history and they are uneducated in so many areas and about so many issues that my mind boggles.

There are millions of so-called straight Americans who are truly ignorant of what the letters LGBTQ+ mean and who aren't that interested in learning about their fellow citizens on that spectrum.

Millions of men, perhaps white men in particular, don't understand women and don't really want them to be their equals.

There is more, but let's switch to another sphere: the dominance of modern communications, especially mass media, marketing and public relations (I know—that term is considered outdated).

In our information age, more people than ever seem to be terribly, dismally uninformed. Many observers more notable than I have made this point; whole books have been written about it.

This means that a guy like Trump can quite easily build a successful career of bullshitting an entire country by manipulating communications to his advantage. He can make a strong effort in a presidential election.

Too many Americans do not read carefully, research credible sources or engage in a smidgen of critical thinking. They are susceptible to misrepresentation, half-truths, misinformation and lies. One thing Trump has done well is get people to mistrust the news media—all news media. People who follow him apparently don't believe they can find the truth anywhere.

Donald Trump is a demagogue, one who makes impassioned appeals to the emotions and prejudices of the populace. And the emotions to which he appeals are not love, compassion and trust in your fellow human being.

He also excels in black and white, either-or rhetoric. He speaks in sweeping generalities and certainties; he is a master of hyperbole. And to think enough of our fellow citizens were willing to nominate him as their choice to run for the presidency. "What a revoltin' development this is!" (From the 50s TV show *The Life of Riley*)

Well, after all that, I refuse to give in to my fear.

Fortunately, most Americans do not fit the profile of the typical Trump supporters. I believe most Americans are trying their best to understand the issues and the men and women who want our vote.

I believe that our political system, while not perfect, is a damn good one. I lived in another country for two years and know how good it felt when I returned to American soil. I really like living in the United States of America.

Even if I sometimes find myself awake at 2 a.m. struggling to deal with my fear.

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NYC: LGBTQ People of Color Disproportionately Victims

• The Facts

In 2016 alone, 515 people have been shot and killed by police, one-quarter of whom were black. While we don't know the sexual orientation or gender identity of many of them, of complaints filed by LGBTQ people with the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board, 49 percent were filed by black LGBTQ people, compared to just 6 percent by white LGBTQ people. This is further complicated by the stories of black LGBTQ youth in Chicago and New York City who tell of being singled out in gay neighborhoods by police because they do not look like they belong. Black transgender women are assumed to be engaged in sex work because they were "walking while trans." Changing the culture of policing and reestablishing trust between communities and police must include black LGBT people, as we continue to bear the brunt of these negative encounters with law enforcement.

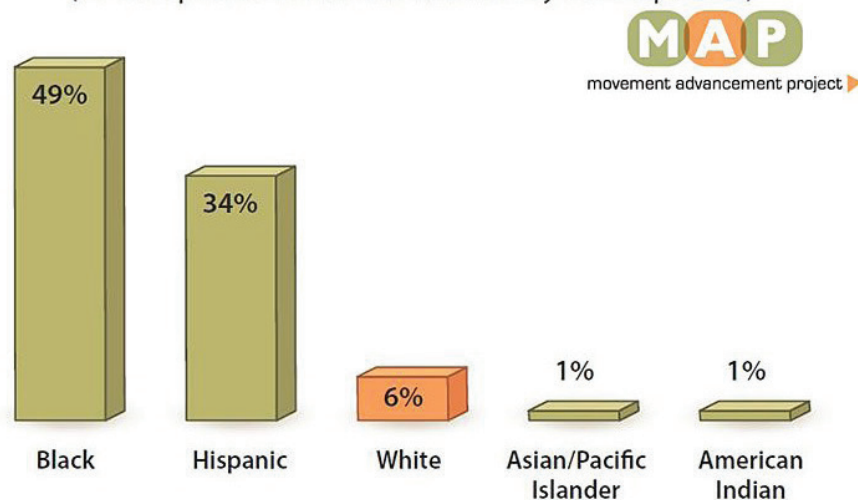
From a report by the Movement Advancement Project (MAP) titled *Unjust: How the Broken Criminal Justice System Fails LGBT People of Color*.

The report examines how racism and anti-LGBT discrimination combine to make LGBT people of color particularly vulnerable to entering the system and facing unfair and abusive treatment once they are in it. The report is available at www.lgbtmap.org/criminal-justice-poc.

"Whether they are interacting with law enforcement, going to court, confined in prisons or jails, or preparing for re-entry into society, the story is the same: LGBT people of color face an extraordinarily high risk of discriminatory treatment and abuse in our criminal justice system," said Ineke Mushovic, MAP executive director.

The report was coauthored by MAP and the Center for American Progress as a companion to the broader report, *Unjust: How the Broken Criminal Justice System Fails LGBT People*. Today's report was released in partnership with Advancement Project, Forward Together, JustLeadershipUSA, MALDEF, National Action Network, National Black Justice Coalition, and National LGBTQ Task Force.

Figure 12: LGBTQ People of Color Disproportionately Victims in Police Complaints Filed in New York City
(Of complaints where race/ethnicity was reported)



Source: New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board, "Pride, Prejudice and Policing: An Evaluation of LGBTQ-Related Complaints from January 2010 through December 2015," 2016.

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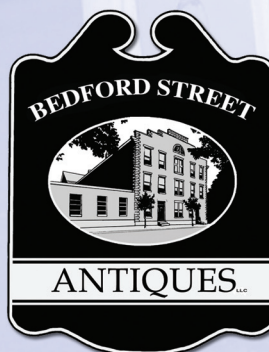
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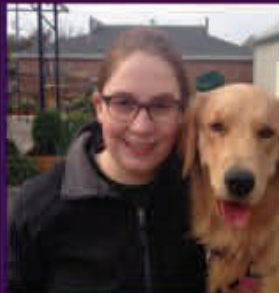


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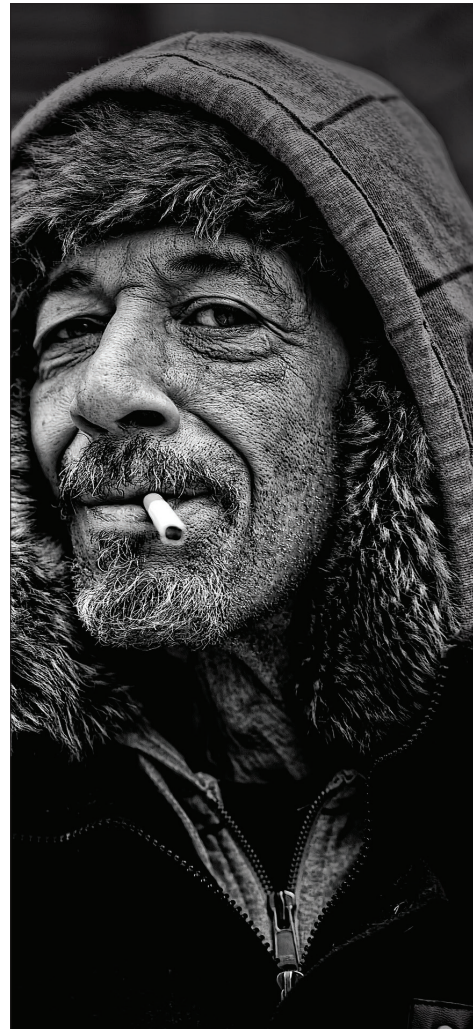
The New York Times' Roni Caryn Rabin reports that although LGBT people are more visible than ever, there is perhaps another bleak reality. Many people in the L.G.B.T. community go hungry.

A new report on hunger found that more than one in four LGBT adults could not afford to feed themselves or their families at least once in the past year. By comparison, only one in six heterosexual adults reported a similar crisis.

Certain subgroups in the LGBT community are particularly vulnerable to food insecurity, including minorities, women, the unmarried, bisexuals, those without college degrees, younger people and those who have children in the home. (It is believed that transgender people also go hungry, but data on this group is lacking.) Experts say LGBT teenagers, who are not covered in this report, are also at risk of going without food, especially if they are homeless.

The new report, "Food Insecurity and SNAP Participation in the LGBT Community," published Monday, uses data from four major national surveys that, when combined, represent the lives and challenges of nearly 20,000 people in the LGBT community.

"This is eye-opening for many people, and it's even eye-opening for many in the >



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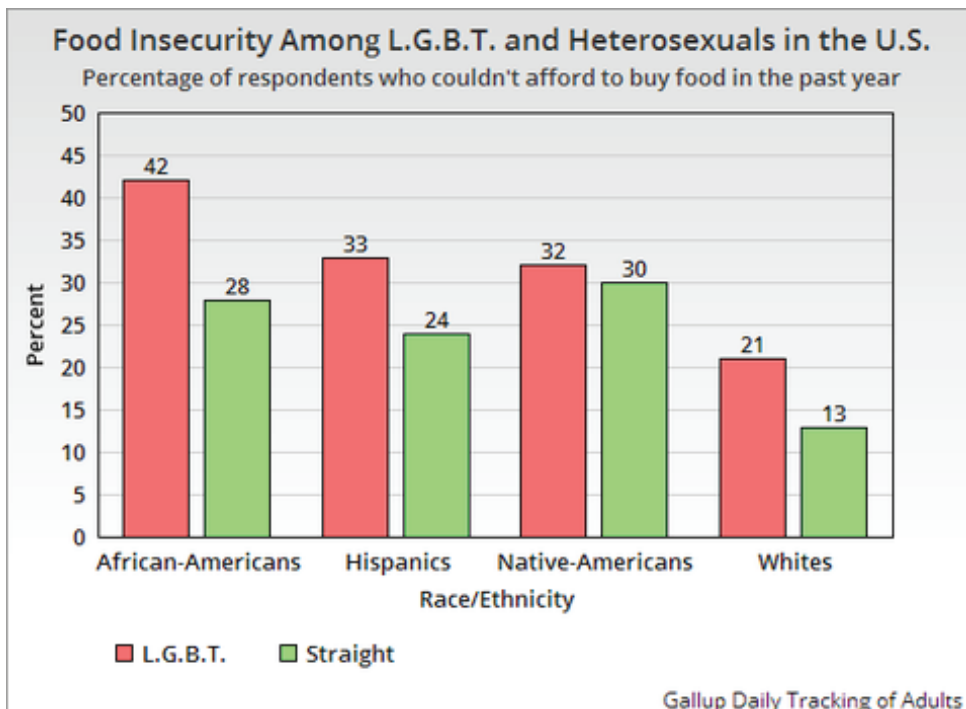
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An LGBT crisis?

anti-hunger world, who haven't typically worked with the LGBT community," said Adam P. Romero, a scholar of law with the Williams Institute at U.C.L.A. School of Law who is one of the authors of the new study. "I've had a number of people from different anti-hunger organizations say, 'Wow, I had no idea that hunger was such an issue in the LGBT community.'"



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OUT & ABOUT

India Day: *America at Its Best*



The region's Asian-Indian Community offered "Namaste" to residents at Harrisburg Area Community College Aug. 6 with India Day.

Namaste is an ancient Sanskrit greeting still in everyday use in India. Translated roughly, it means "I bow to the God within you", or "The Spirit within me salutes the Spirit in you" - a knowing that we are all made from the same One Divine Consciousness.



Indian culture is more than 5,000 years old and embraces multiple religions. India is the world's largest secular democracy with more than 1.2 billion people. There are 3.4 million people from India in the US, about 1% of the population. The India Day community fair showcases the food of different regions of the country, festivals people celebrate, their arts and handicrafts and businesses that have been built by local community.



Manpal Singh portrays Mahatma Gandhi.

BEATEN AND ROBBED:

'I was a hate-crime victim'



By Todd Heywood

Lansing, Michigan - "This is how I'm going to die." That was all I could think as I lay face down, my hands cuffed behind my back while the two men rained blows down on the back and side of my head. While one of them kept me face down on the corner of my bed, the other ransacked my apartment, stealing laptops, my digital audio recorder, a television and cameras. If it was electronic, it was taken. Also stolen, thousands of dollars worth of HIV medications.

When the ransacking ended, I was pushed into the kitchen, ordered to kneel. I don't know why, but my "guard" stepped outside to talk to his conspirator. As they did — my hands still secured behind my back by police-issue handcuffs — I dashed to the door, slamming it shut. Then I turned my back to the door and fumbled with the deadbolt until it was locked.

I looked out a window into the parking lot. I could see the two assailants. They look confused, then they jumped into their getaway van and left.

Like millions of Americans, I arranged a hookup online. Like thousands of gay Americans, I became a hookup victim.

In late November, a week after the attack, both men were arrested. Wednesday, they were sentenced to 17 to 55 years in prison after accepting a plea deal involving multiple criminal actions. In my case, they were charged with unarmed robbery, unlawful imprisonment and conspiracy to commit unarmed robbery and unlawful imprisonment. For these alone they could have faced as much as 60 years in prison.

But I was not the only victim. A Lansing Township, Michigan man was bound, beaten, threatened with a knife and his belongings stolen from his home on Nov. 28, five days after my assault. The two men faced armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery charges in that case, both life offenses.

According to the Lansing Police Department report on my attack, Adrian James Tupper and Aaron Christopher Spyker would tell Lansing Police Detective Joel Johnson that they targeted gay men because such men were "sick" and "they would not report it to police."

I knew as it happened that I was a hatecrime victim. Police labeled it as such just last week, after the two were sentenced.

To some, meeting complete strangers from the Internet may seem reckless, but this is part of gay and straight dating in 2016. There are digital platforms for those seeking relationships — whether one-time hookups or marriage — targeting every imaginable demographic in America. The Internet has become a communal meeting space — a giant bar, if you will.

As a reporter I have covered antigay crimes for nearly three decades. They included the hookup murder in 1996 of Lansing State Journal sports-writer Bob Gross, who had met a man at a Michigan Avenue bar and was subsequently stabbed to death and his body set on fire, or the execution style murder of Alden Judge in Lansing in 1999.

As a result, I am particularly aware of the risk in meeting strangers. That's why I got pictures of my assailants' faces and a cell phone number. That's why I talked to them on the phone. That's why there was an email trail.

And it's the reason that within three days of my attack I had identified both assailants through a photo lineup. My photos

were key in the police work that went into identifying them. The cell-phone number? It was used to tie my attack to the one in Lansing Township.

Violent predators are stalking Internet sites, using a variety of ploys to connect with — and harm — their victims. Just as in real life. Sometimes the attacker pretends to be gay, to lure a victim in order to rob him, as happened with me. Sometimes the criminal pretends to have something for sale or an interest in purchasing something from the victim. How extensive are

Internet-related crimes like these in America is unclear. No law enforcement agency, local, state or federal, tracks them. Law Street Media, a news website aimed at millennials, reported that 58 prosecuted murders from 2009 to 2014 involved victims contacted through Craigslist.

Sue Yacka, the communications director for the New York City Anti-Violence Project, told me it documented 27 "pick-up" crimes last

year involving the Internet in NYC alone. That was nearly double what the agency documented in 2014, which was 15 incidents.

"I think the low number reflects a reluctance to report," she told me by email. "Or when reporting hate violence, folks don't always divulge how they met their attacker(s)."

Yacka's agency coordinates bias and hate crime incidents against the LGBTQ and HIV-affected communities for 11 states, including Michigan. In 2015, the combined agencies reported 1,253 incidents

nationwide, including 24 hate-motivated murders.

Lisa McCormick, Ingham County's chief assistant prosecutor, told me that shame, guilt and fear of being judged by the police or the Prosecutor's Office are reasons they don't get reported.

"That's not the case here in Ingham County," she told me Thursday in a conference room at the Grady Porter Building in downtown Lansing. "We're not going to be judging. The only judging will be on the perpetrators, who deserve to be judged, by a judge."

Spyker and Tupper told Lansing Police Detective Joel Johnson that reluctance to report was a motivating factor in their crime spree. They admitted to pretending to be gay in order to rob victims they met through Craigslist. While they admitted to three specific instances, they related to Johnson that there were other communications. It remains unclear how many victims there were in this case.

Tupper's interview began Nov. 30 with a confession of sorts. He and Spyker had been arrested by the city's fugitive team hours earlier. Johnson arrived and set up video recording equipment to talk to both men.

McCormick, who was unable to release the confession video because the prosecutor's office did not have the technical capacity to edit it to protect the privacy of the victims, reviewed the confessions Thursday night. She said Tupper started his interview by asking if he were there about the "fucking faggots Craigslist."

I was also a statistic. I was now one of the 1,253 anti-gay and anti-HIV hate and bias crimes reported in 12 states in 2015.

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Who Attended 1987 March on Washington?

In support of the adage – Nothing new under the sun – the 1987 March on Washington looks “Intersectional” by today’s activist yardstick used to measure inclusivity.

Media & Factoid Highlights:

- Federal Park Police estimated attendance at 200,000.

- Organizers said 300,000 people participated. Called the event the biggest gay rights march ever, exceeding one in Washington in 1979 that drew 79,000 demonstrators.

- Media portrayed the event as “reminiscent of the civil rights marches of the 1960’s”.

- Many demonstrators said they had come to rekindle the spirit of the 1963 March on Washington led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and to seek the kind of political and social agenda that gave birth to the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965.

- In his speech, Rev. Jesse Jackson, a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, pledged his support for gay rights, while calling for increased Federal spending on AIDS research and education.

- National media characterized the march as: “a diverse coalition of their (LGBT) supporters, marched here today, calling for more Federal money for AIDS research and treatment and for an end to discrimination against homosexuals.”

- Other speakers included two gay members of Congress, Representatives Gerry E. Studds and Barney Frank, both Massachusetts Democrats; Eleanor Smeal, former president of the National Organization for Women, and Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers of America.

- Kay Osterg, march co-chairwoman

Many attending the 1987 demonstration said they had come to rekindle the spirit of the 1963 civil rights March on Washington led by the Rev. Dr. King.

said: “This isn’t a parade. We have our gay rights parades to give us a sense of community, so we won’t feel alienated. This is a march for freedom.”

- Partial list of Harrisburg attendees: Richard Hill, now deceased, longtime host of Volleyball and Yukon Dance Hall, where players assembled weekly for fellowship; Bill Pearson, poet and media guy; Dan Miller, recently appointed Harrisburg City treasurer, former city councilman, controller and mayoral candidate; and Frank Pizzoli, *Central Voice* founder.

Your health and wellbeing



By ROSEMARY BROWNE
CEO, ALDER HEALTH SERVICES

Arms Open Wide

The tragedies of recent months, both foreign and domestic, have pushed the limits of our tolerance and understanding of the state of this world we are living in. Hate mongering and divisive language send messages of fear and distrust of our neighbors, making us ever vigilant and on guard in defense of our own personal safety and security.

The horrors of what we once thought could never happen in our neighborhoods, towns and cities are now commonplace. Senseless acts of violence fueled by hatred, bigotry and fear of those who may not look like us, talk like us or share the same worldview are used as justification for destructive attacks.

Equal opportunity violence presents itself in the forms of assault rifles and hand guns.

The opioid epidemic knows no boundaries and does not respect age, race or socioeconomic status. The mantra of all lives matter comes with an unspoken tag line – all lives may matter, but some matter more than others. The last place you want to find yourself is in that “other” category. The bottom line is that any life wasted diminishes all lives.

So what can we do to restore order and sanity in a time of chaos?

How do we recapture a sense of hope for an uncertain future surrounded by sharp political divides and a social environment that threatens our sense of basic humanity toward one another?

How do we maneuver around events and opinions that threaten our very survival on a day-to-day basis?

I recall a line from a movie that I watched recently where the central character defined the word “fear” as “false evidence appearing real”. To me, that means that we need to examine what it is that we are afraid of, to open our eyes and ears and allow ourselves to question the basis our motivations, insecurities and biases. We must avoid the knee-jerk reaction to what we see and hear that provokes negativity and mistrust of our sisters and brothers. Whether gay or straight, black or brown, or blue, the cycle of violence, drugs, crime and senseless death does not discriminate.

During these trying times, I propose that we open our arms wide to embrace all the disparate groups who yearn for social justice in all its forms. We should engage in respectful but honest community dialogues and public policy debates.

We must face the fact that institutional racism, homophobia and sexism is alive and well. At times it seems that the gains realized from the struggles of the trailblazers before us who sacrificed flesh and bone for freedom and equality have been diminished. Diversity and inclusion are not just popular buzz words to banter about to serve an often inauthentic penchant for political correctness.

The more we can embrace each other in love, respect and trust, without fear (remember the definition I offered earlier), we become more powerful and united as human beings. No matter where you are on the growing continuum of LGBTQ+ these remain challenging times. Although the joys and hardships of one group may be different from another group, we are all in this together.

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the 1987 March on
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Largest Gathering *continued from page one*

reduce the isolation felt by activists. We needed a way to share with each other what worked, what didn’t, how to approach circumstances in our various communities,” Hyde explains.

Hyde is describing what were, and remain, the three organizing principles around Creating Change: safe, communal space; reduce activist isolation; and foster a strong and diverse LGBTQ community. “We haven’t changed what we set out to do,” she says.

**“Our views go
from far left all
the way over
to far right.”**

- Adrian Shanker

In the context of this example, the term would mean that Israel’s strong support of

its LGBT citizens is used to “pinkwash” its relations with Palestine.

At the time, *Central Voice* relied on conference attendee Adrian Shanker, from Reading, Pa. who ended up in the middle of a protest over the programming.

“There was a lot of passion on both sides. There is no monolithic political point of view among Jews,” he says. “Our views go from far left all the way over to far right,” he pointed at the time.

Creating Change organizers are focused on understanding what happened last year and how to accommodate all points of view in a civil way.

“Attendees may see some changes in how we approach programming,” Hyde forecasts.

She’s had her thumb on the pulse of change for over two decades. Hyde has been directing the annual conference since its humble beginnings in the late 1980. The event is now the largest annual gathering of activists, organizers and leaders in the LGBTQ movement. Hyde, a public speaker, teacher and writer lives in Cambridge, Mass., with her partner and their two children.

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Meet
Harrisburg Writer
Elena Damrauer



Elena Damrauer was born in Pittsburgh but moved to Harrisburg at just 2 months old and is a 1990 Central Dauphin High School graduate. She started seriously writing in January of 2015 after many attempts in prior years. Her writing style is simple and free. She is a volunteer with the LGBT Center, Harrisburg, and in 2015 locally produced *The Vagina Monologues*.

Welcome to My Body

She sees it with clothing on,
Attempting to hide my bakery rolls
Trying to make sense
Out of fashion that I don't understand
Thinking... no, KNOWING Ok... maybe thinking
I look cute as hell
BUT... She sees me with clothing on
I'm not vulnerable right now
I'm covered up, my insecurities, my faults,
my lies I've told myself to make myself feel better
When I was little I told people that the scars
On my legs were because
I was allergic to mosquito bites
It was how I made myself feel better
Because I knew the kids were staring, whispering, chuckling
We call that self-preservation now
Back then it was a way to deflect
Make them feel badly for me
I was the funny, fat girl
And I hated it
I wanted to be funny, I wanted to be skinny
I wanted to run without getting winded
I wanted to not squeeze into the swing
To not shake the sliding board as I climbed up
Why'd you give me cookies, Ma? To shut me up? Did I talk too much?
I undress in front of her
I pretend my body is smooth and thin
And my skin is clear and soft
I project my hope onto her,
Telepathically sending her the message
That she needs to find me beautiful
That she doesn't see scars
No tell-tale signs of pregnancy 22 years past
No saggy breasts, riddled with stretch marks
Form milk coming in and going out
Or proof of stress filled self-mutilation
I don't have a full, round belly
From too many nights of Oreo cookie boredom and I'm lonely flavored ice cream
My thighs aren't dimpled
With the weight of the fat they hold
What she sees is a woman who's been to battle Who's raised a child alone
Who's dealt with abusive partners and hurtful men; Who's been assaulted by trusted clergy
What she sees is a woman who holds stress so
Closely it becomes a blanket of scars and scabs
Ripped open by sadness and guilt, strains of missing
People who have left her life, and fear
That those she loves will leave soon too
She walks towards my nude, vulnerable,
Exposed, polka dotted body
She wraps her arms around my thick waist
She kisses me so gently
Without a single spoken word...
She tells me I'm the most beautiful woman
She has ever seen.



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York Native Josh Whittaker to Screen Film at Festival



Local independent filmmaker Josh Whittaker's film will screen at Midtown Cinema Sept. 15 as part of the Harrisburg-Hershey Film Festival.

Total financial investment in all the feature-length, independent films submitted to Sundance in 2015 was \$4.65 billion reports *Cultural Weekly*. Whittaker's next project could end up one of those films.

In 2010, about 10% on the film festival's movies got deals. With the Great Digital Shift now in full play – the explosion of Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, iTunes looking for product – the odds are better. Industry observers predict that 100 of the 124 feature films at Sundance this year will get some form of distribution opportunity. To put that in perspective, *Cultural Weekly* notes, the motion picture studios and Netflix each spend about \$3 billion annually producing and acquiring content.

Whittaker, 26, a York Suburban School District and University of North Carolina School of the Arts graduate, is working on his fourth feature-length film set for an early 2017 release. As always, he's using digital to film *Looking for Andrew* is a coming-of-age story.

"High school friends who separated to attend college come back together after they've all graduated," Whittaker explains. They realize their friend Andrew has gone missing. "The missing friend provides the script's dramatic energy," he explains. "The characters are really looking for themselves, finding out who they are and will be as adults, he says. With 108 pages of script already written – one page of script equals one minute of screen time – Whittaker envisions a one hour, 40-minute final production. "I think that's the perfect length for film," he says.

A recent screening of Riley, Whittaker's third feature-length film, drew nearly 200 people to two different screenings at a local theater. "There are sexual overtones and tensions not brought closure which makes Riley an interesting story," he explains.

"I don't like to finish the story completely. I want my audience to play with the characters and the situations and add their experiences," Whittaker concludes.

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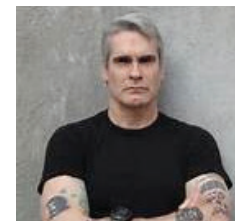
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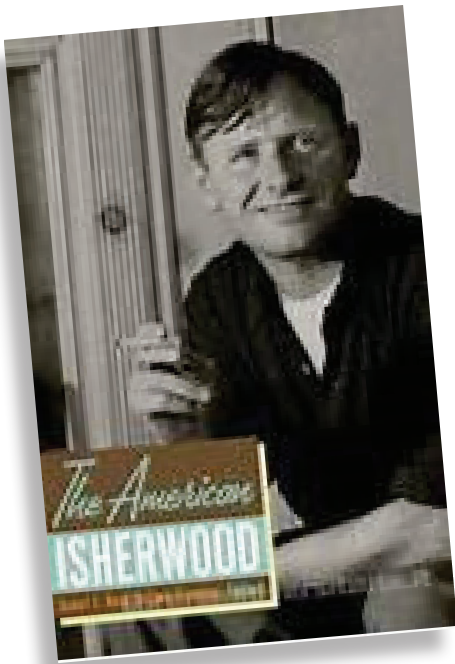
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BY FRANK PIZZOLI

INTRO: *The basic tenant of the artfully edited The American Isherwood by James J. Berg and Chris Freeman (University of Minnesota Press, 305 pages) is that a writer owns nothing else but his experience. In this sense, Christopher Isherwood was an “existentialist,” not in a murky hopeless way but by firmly clutching the idea that experience counts as primary in our lives. “Because, after all, what else does he really have?” he asked about writers. The collected essays begin with Isherwood’s migration to the US in 1939.*

REVIEW: “What I know is what I am,” Christopher Isherwood said. What he knew by the time he died in 1986 as a cis, white, gay man remains startlingly relevant to the current ultra-diverse queer universe. A “camera with its shutter open” is the most frequently used metaphor describing Isherwood’s work. Readers with shutters open will see parallels with the iconic writer’s struggles and today’s issue making headlines.

Organized into three sections, the editors do a marvelous job of beginning each section with a piece that provides context for what essayists in each portion of the book address. The first section is devoted to Isherwood’s *A Single Man*. The second section considers the authors well-known spiritual life and relationship to guru swami Prabhavananda. The third section focuses on Isherwood’s work as it relates to friends, Hollywood’s celebrity culture, and the reception of gay-themed writing in 1960s Cold War America. Richly detailed gems culled from Isherwood’s archive provide Berg and Freeman’s introductory pieces and the essayists’ portrayals with deep authenticity. Although at moments turgidly academic, the essays are accessible to general readers.

Single consideration

The book’s first section is a comprehensive look at *A Single Man* and its relationship to E.M. Forster’s *Maurice* and Virginia Woolf’s *Mrs. Dalloway*.

Following a visit with Isherwood, Forster began writing *Maurice* resolving that he would not let his story tragically end. The 81-year-old Forster subsequently explained: “a happy ending was imperative. I was determined that in fiction anyway two men should fall in love and remain in

Is Dead White Christopher Isherwood Still Relevant?

it for the ever and ever that fiction allows”. Like Isherwood’s fiction challenged, Woolf’s *Clarissa Dalloway* and “shell-shocked” soldier Septimus Smith explored “normative” mourning. She wanted her characters “to criticize the social system” in much the same way Jasbir Puar’s concept of “homonationalism” (Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times, Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2007) shreds current belief systems around equality if defined primarily by marriage and military service, the open happy endings Isherwood and Woolf’s characters were denied.

Threads lacing through the essays bring to mind that homosexuals are raised in a patriarchal society. Since many gay men now openly mature against a backdrop of post-Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell and court-supported same-sex marriage, are they filling the ranks of a new patriarchy? How is military service and marriage for gay men (and lesbians, bisexual, and transgender people) different from the old patriarchy that denied Isherwood’s George and Woolf’s Smith the satisfactions of open relationships? In Jamie Carr’s essay *Writing the Unspeakable* in *A Single Man* and *Mrs. Dalloway*, she quotes Erin Carlston’s *Thinking Fascism: Sapphic Modernism and Fascist Modernity*: “...to be disloyal to patriarchy - by flouting the paradigms of compulsory heterosexuality...is to be disloyal to the patria, to call into question the terms of one’s membership in the national community.”

For example, now that queer men and women are allowed to serve openly in the Armed Forces will they feel comfortable challenging military policies? Or will they acquiesce fearing the tarnishment by the old myth that queers (Isherwood’s preferred term) are a new kind of security risk? Thus forming a new patriarchy. That’s Puar’s point regarding homonationalism: How LGBT “acceptance” and “tolerance” have become the barometer by which the right to and capacity for national sovereignty is evaluated.”

In 2011, Sarah Schulman wrote in the *New York Times* about “the co-opting of white gay people by anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim political forces in Western Europe and Israel.” Maya Mikdashi writes in *Jadaliyya* (Dec. 16, 2011): “A gay Israeli in a military uniform is both an enemy and a target of anti-occupation politics, just as a gay Zionist in the United States is an enemy of the Palestinian cause and the cause of queer Palestinians because they are rooted within that Palestinian national cause.” In other words, does the kind of inclusion not socially acceptable in *Maurice* or *Mrs. Dalloway* but now allowed thwart resistance to military policies by LGBT soldiers because they fear a return to exclusion?

Perhaps *Out in the Dark* illustrates the tension between equal rights and political obligations to one’s nation. The film centers on the love affair between two men on opposite sides of the Middle East conflict: Palestinian student Nimer and Roy, an Israeli lawyer. Deeply in love, Israeli

security forces eventually force Nimer’s deportation from Tel Aviv back to Ramallah, where he is immediately rounded up and killed by Palestinian militants for being a possible collaborator and for being gay. And even with full acceptance into the US military and marriage rights, Employment Non-Discrimination legislation (ENDA) has been introduced in every Congress since 1994 except the 109th. Similar legislation has been introduced without passage since 1974. Twenty-nine states do not have anti-discrimination statutes prohibiting discrimination and 38 do not have law prohibiting gender identity discrimination. Yet we can marry on Saturday, go to war Monday while a spouse reports to work and is fired for being gay. So the question becomes, how does a recently married, newly minted queer soldier in the US, Israeli or Palestinian army react to such circumstances? By towing the same line as Woolf’s Septimus Smith or Isherwood’s George who shielded his grief from those around him?

Loss of community

Isherwood both wondered and worried about the life of his queer community. After the 1954 publication of *The World in the Evening*, he received stacks of fan mail.

He said at one point about the letters: “...it’s heart-breaking, the sense you get of all these island existences, dotted about like stars and nebulae” much like the alienation nouveau recently chronicled by a LOGO study - *Gay Men in America: Community at a Crossroads* - sampling 1,000 gay men ages 18-49.

Results reveal that while acceptance is at an all-time high, 61% of gay men in their 20s and 30s believe “in the past, the gay community was more united than it is today.” Eighty-five percent agree “even as gay people become more accepted, we should have places that are just for us.”

Six in 10 gay men in their 20s say “now that gay marriage is legal in so many places, my family expects me to get married and have children one day” and perhaps populate a new patriarchy? Even though 88% agree “gay people shouldn’t have to conform to straight people’s norms and values.”

Sixty percent agree “it’s harder for younger gay men to take advice from older gay men because the world is so different today.” Perhaps not if your next book club includes Christopher Isherwood.

Time for romance: hot, sweet, or both

The Romance Vote by Ali Vali



What better time than now to read a romance between a successful political consultant and her boss’s daughter? Chili Alexander is working her magic to turn a used car salesman into a successful candidate while trying to help Samantha learn the

business. Spicy sex scenes and tender romance develop in this light-hearted look at the American way of creating politicians.

Starstruck by L. A. Witt

Levi Pritchard left Hollywood behind for the quiet of a remote area in Washington State. When an old friend offers him the best acting role of his career, he can’t turn it down. Now he’s falling in love with the star of the series he’s filming, and his lover wants him to come out, a move he’s resisted for years. Publishers Weekly says, “Witt’s powerful story will have readers riveted”.

Confucius Jane by Katie Lynch

Can a poet who is currently writing fortunes at her family’s fortune-cookie factory and a driven medical student with hard choices to make find happiness? Maybe not, when unexpected family troubles drive them apart. But, that’s not how true love works, right? Booklist says the story of how these two heroines find their way back to each other “is sweet and compelling”.

A Fortunate Blizzard by L. C. Chase

Trevor and Marcus meet while taking refuge at a motel during a snowstorm. More



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than a one-night stand develops between the artist and the lawyer in this “sexually explicit but emotionally sweet romance” that *Library Journal* says, “might even dampen a hanky or two.”

For the Love of Cake by Erin Dutton

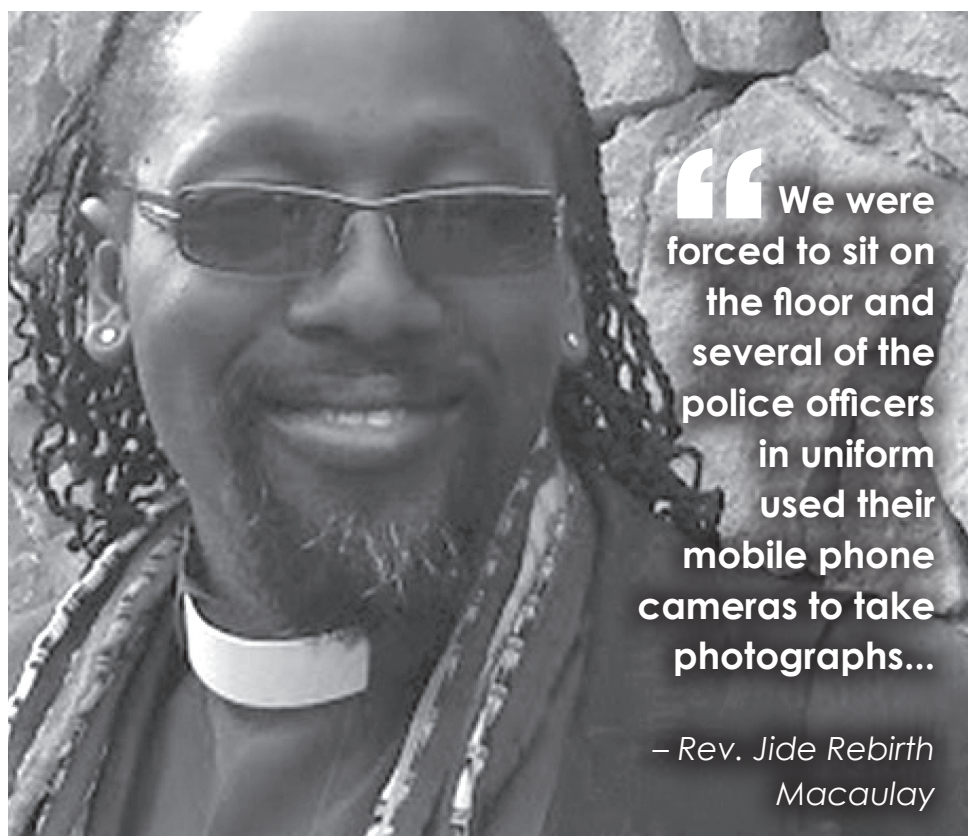
Shannon and Maya are cake chefs on a reality TV show, with a difference in age, experience and certainly in lifestyle. Yet, the chemistry is there, and as *Publishers Weekly* says, “Dutton’s love story never loses momentum”.

Guarding January by Sean Michael

Lord January, the Vampire King, is at the top of the charts, but his lifestyle and celebrity are killing him. Now out of rehab, he must deal with Rye Sommers, the best bodyguard in the business, who was hired to keep him out of trouble. Sparks fly as the two get closer, physically and emotionally. How does a rock star with a death wish deal with real love?

EXCLUSIVE: Uganda Police Raid Pride Event

Arrests Made, Grand Marshall Talks to Voice



By FRANK PIZZOLI

On August 5 Uganda police raided a Pride event in Kampala, Uganda. Rev. Jide Rebirth Macaulay, Grand Marshall, tells *Central Voice* "I am safe but last night was a very worrying situation," Macaulay said in an online interview the day after the raid.

By the next day, all Pride events had been cancelled due to government-sanctioned threats of violence against those who may attend.

He explained that the interruption of the Pride event which focused on a queer beauty pageant was, in his opinion, "a breach of human rights especially to peaceful gathering and enjoyment."

"The police behaved like bullies and turned a lawful assembly into a suspicious gathering of homosexuals," Macaulay said. The spokesperson for the police called the event an abominable act and that "he doesn't want such" in his district. "Many people were forced to sit on the floor and the police were armed with big guns, they shouted at people, causing many to be terrified and hysterical," he said.

"The community reached out with gifts to clinics and medical facilities today, a sign that we are fighters," Macaulay said.

Originally, the Pride over which Macaulay was to serve as Grand Marshall was expected to be held. "...Pride March and Parade is more likely to go ahead but with a revised action for safety and security," Macaulay said. Threats of government-sanctioned violence forced organizers to cancel all events.

Among those arrested included Frank Mugisha and Pepe Julian Onziema of Sexual Minorities Uganda, a Ugandan LGBT advocacy group, and more than a dozen others who were attending a beauty pageant at a nightclub in the country's capital of Kampala that is located across the street from the U.S. Embassy.

U.S. Ambassador to Uganda Deborah Malac criticized the conduct of the Ugandan police who raided a Pride event. "I was dismayed to hear the accounts of a police raid last night on a peaceful event in Kampala to celebrate Uganda Pride Week and recognize the talents and contributions of the country's LGBTI community," said Malac in a statement the U.S. Embassy in Uganda issued. "The fact that police reportedly beat and assaulted Ugandan citizens engaged in peaceful activities is unacceptable and deeply troubling."

"...unacceptable and deeply troubling."

- U.S. Ambassador Deborah Malac

•From an account posted by Macaulay - Jide Rebirth Macaulay

9 hrs · Kampala, Uganda ·

I witnessed the police raid at the "PrideUganda" pride event last night lasting more than 2 hours.

I am very distressed for the LGBTIQ people of Uganda, I am humbled and honoured to be the grand Marshall for the pride and to have witnessed these abuses.

At about 11pm local time in Kampala, the police stormed the venue, the pageant show was active and the atmosphere was beautiful and electric. When the police arrived, the music was still on, I thought there was a disturbance as they led people away. Those first arrested were most of the contestants in the beauty pageant, mostly transgender people and for whom these event I believe meant so much. There were mix crowd of people from Burundi, Congo, UK, Germany, USA, etc, I believe there were nearly 300 people at the event. It was cheerful, exciting and happy celebration before the raid. I could not tell you the exact number of people arrested but it must be more than 20 people as I was asking after people, many of the leading activists and my friends. Many arrested attended pride event for the first time and you can see the terror and fear on people's faces.

The crowd was ushered into a narrow space, at first I thought we were being asked to leave the building but the police held us in captivity for nearly two hours, I recorded some of the chaos on audio as police shouted at people using their mobile phones, it was a terrifying moment for everyone. Most of the officers were armed, We were forced to sit on the floor and several of the police officers in uniform used their mobile phone cameras to take photographs forcing people to look up, A few who became distressed were crying and throwing themselves on the floor. Two people jumped from the 4th floor to lower levels, at the time I understood there was a fatality but we are still trying to establish the extend of injuries if any.

I was not arrested as one of the organisers personally handed me in to the safety of one of their security volunteer and ask me to follow their instructions. More than a dozen were physically injured but I strongly believe many more were scared.

My message to the LGBTIQ community, I believe there is a need to review the rest of the events this week for safety, I say be strong and don't give up.

My message to Uganda Police - is to respect the LGBTIQ community, these people are the most loving people and I am humbled to be here amongst them, I am humbled to experience firsthand the irrational fear that the LGBTIQ people live with on a daily basis, the fear of arrest and humiliation.

I also believe the world need to take more seriously the problems of oppression such as homophobia, transphobia seriously if we are to make any progress on human rights.

The police simply came to cause mayhem and this should not be happening in the 21st century.

Equality Florida's Pulse Victims Fund Surpasses \$7 Million

An online fundraiser for the victims of the Pulse Nightclub shooting set up by Equality Florida has raised \$7M in a campaign that continues to break records for online philanthropy.

Equality Florida launched the GoFundMe campaign hours following news of the horrific shooting with an initial goal of raising \$100,000. The campaign became the quickest to reach \$1M, the first to reach \$2M, and stands at \$6.9M raised from over 117,000 contributors from 120 countries. Combined with offline fundraising efforts, total



contributions now exceed \$7M.

"The outpouring of love and support from across the globe has been overwhelming," said Equality Florida executive director Nadine Smith. "We are grateful for the small-dollar gifts that comprise the bulk of this fund, and contributions from those who have used their positions of power to support the victims and families."

The vast majority of contributions are small-dollar gifts with less than 700 donations for \$1,000 or more. The contributions showcase countless local restaurants, bars, and small businesses who have hosted their own fundraising efforts in support of the fund; as well

as several advocacy organizations who have contributed, including Executive Pride, The Gill Foundation, Campaign for Southern Equality, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

Several large corporate donors have also contributed to Equality Florida's Pulse Victims Fund, including the Tampa Bay Rays, GoFundMe, Hamburger Mary's Restaurants, WePay, Tito's Vodka, and MGM Resorts International.

Equality Florida's Pulse Victims Fund also received support from several high-profile donors, including Jeffrey Star, Philip DeFranco, Jesse Tyler Ferguson, California's Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, Stuart Milk, and Lena Dunham.

GLAAD and Interscope Records released "Hands," a musical tribute to the victims of Orlando, featuring 24 musical artists. The tribute will be made available at iTunes exclusively. Proceeds from the sale of the new tribute single in the United States will benefit the Pulse Victims Fund, the GLBT Community Center of Central Florida, and GLAAD.

All contributions collected via Equality Florida's Pulse Victims Fund GoFundMe campaign will go to victims' families and survivors without exception. The distribution of the fund is being coordinated with the City of Orlando's One Orlando Fund to ensure speed, transparency, and to prevent fraud.

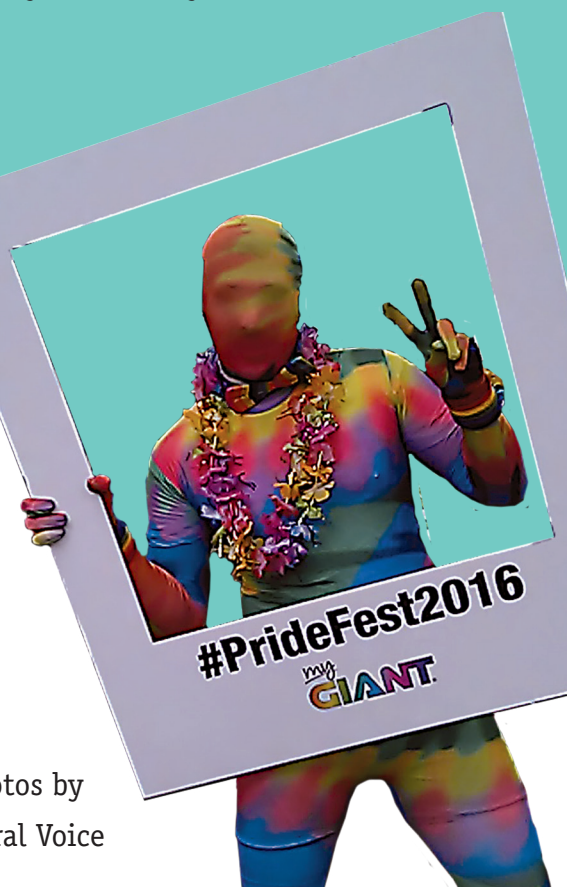


PRIDE FESTIVAL OF CENTRAL PA

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A week of activities filled the Capitol City beginning with a Miss & Mr. Central PA Pride Pageant; a Vigil to remember all LGBT victims of violence, suicide and murder; an LGBT Center History Project Pop-Up Exhibit; a Voices United Concert, and a religious service and a T-Dance the day after July 30 Pride.

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In Loving Memory
of the
49 PULSE Nightclub
Victims
Orlando, FL

James "Jamie"
Summers
"Biscuit"
March 23, 1965 - June 1, 2016

< Each year Central PA Pride Festival honors many who have gone before us in a special place along the Susquehanna River. Rainbow flags and name markers acknowledge the shoulders on which our current movement and efforts to achieve social justice stand.

Added to this year's memorial is Miss Biscuit, honored with a page in the annual Pride Guide and the 49 individuals killed by gunfire in the Orlando massacre. "We feel strongly that this display helps to teach our local history. These are important individuals who by their unique example have made the life of the LGBT community better," says Brad Martin, president, Central PA Pride Festival.

> July 28, the LGBT Center History Project launched a "pop up" exhibit on the history of Pride. From left, longtime volunteer David Walker, center executive director Louie Marven, and Alison Lintal,







Lancaster PA PRIDE FEST

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Orlando Massacre Heavy in the Air; Crowd Reflected Those Killed

By Central Voice | Photos by Central Voice

With the June 12 Orlando massacre at gay club Pulse, favored by the Latino and Latina community, fresh on attendees' minds, Lancaster Pride drew thousands to Binn Park June 19. A heavy police presence there to protect attendees marked the day.





YORK Equality FEST

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NYC GAY PRIDE AGAINST GUNS

"Today is for Orlando," said 23-year-old Astoria resident Mia Ramirez. "We're here to show the world that bullets may cut us down but we won't be silenced, and that our voices will only get louder and stronger."

Photo by Melissa Sklarz

POLICE RAID UGANDA PRIDE DURING TRANSGENDER PAGEANT

BuzzFeed's J. Lester Federer reports that Ugandan police interrupted the Mr. and Miss Pride Uganda pageant at Kampala's Venom nightclub Aug. 3, detaining several well-known LGBT activists for about three hours before releasing them without charge. Around 20 to 25 people were arrested, those detained told BuzzFeed News after their release. That number included Pepe Julian Onziema and Frank Mugisha of Sexual Minorities Uganda, who both posted on their Twitter timelines that they were being placed under arrest at around 10:30 p.m. local time. Clare Byarugaba, a former co-coordinator of the coalition opposing anti-LGBT legislation in Uganda who's now on the staff of the human rights group Chapter 4 Uganda, was also among those taken into custody, Chapter 4 director Nick Opiyo told BuzzFeed News.

Central Voice talks to Rev. Jide Rebirth Macaulay, Grand Marshall page 18



SAN DIEGO PRIDE FEATURES SECRETARY OF THE ARMY ERIC FANNING

San Diego Pride on July 15-16 featured the 22nd Secretary of the U.S. Army, Eric Fanning. San Diego Pride made history in 2011 with over 200 active duty service members from every branch of the military marching before the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and again made history in 2012 when the Pentagon allowed active duty service members to wear their uniforms for the first time in any U.S. Pride.




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TransCentralPA Topics

BY JOANNE CARROLL, PRESIDENT OF TRANSCENTRALPA

28 Trans Delegates Attend DNC; An Item Off My Bucket List

In college years, my major was Political Science, and I have been a political news junkie and nerd ever since. I have watched both the Democratic and Republican Conventions for nearly forever because I find the political process fascinating. However, at no time in my wildest dreams did I ever presume that I would ever attend one in person.

My wildest dream came true on July 24, 2016, as I journeyed to Philadelphia to attend the Democratic National Convention as a Hillary Clinton delegate from Pennsylvania's District 16. Wow! Bucket list checked!

Words fail me when asked to describe what it felt like to be there. Amazing and awesome are too meager as a description. Nevertheless, I will not soon forget this week.

Perhaps the most significant single story line for our community is the participation in the convention by LGBT delegates. We were just a few shy of 700, or in other words, we represented 11% of the total number of delegates. Also remarkable in that total there were 28 trans-identified persons, this in fact is greater than the number of persons of color that attended the Republican Convention.

Another significant feature was the speech by my friend, Sarah McBride, the first openly transgender person to speak at any national convention. Sarah is credited with being the force majeure behind the passage of non-discrimination in Delaware. Following her graduation from college, she served as a White House intern, and currently serves as the National Press Secretary for the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. As a side note, she was a keynote speaker for the eighth annual Keystone Conference (a transgender conference held in Harrisburg) in March of 2016.

The platform adopted by the Democratic Party for 2016 is the most comprehensive LGBT friendly platform ever adopted by a major political party and here it is:

"Guaranteeing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Democrats applaud last year's decision by the Supreme Court that recognized that LGBT people—like other Americans—have the right to marry the person they love. But there is still much work to be done. LGBT kids continue to be bullied at school, restaurants can refuse to serve transgender people, and same-sex couples are at risk of being evicted from their homes. That is unacceptable and must change.

Democrats will fight for the continued development of sex discrimination law to cover LGBT people. We will also fight for comprehensive federal nondiscrimination protections for all LGBT Americans, to guarantee equal rights in areas such as housing, employment, public accommodations, credit, jury service, education, and federal funding. We will oppose all state efforts to discriminate against LGBT individuals, including legislation that restricts the right to access public spaces. We support a progressive vision of religious freedom that respects pluralism and rejects the misuse of religion to discriminate.

We will combat LGBT youth homelessness and improve school climates. We will support LGBT elders, ensure access to necessary health care, and protect LGBT people from violence—including ending the crisis of violence against transgender Americans. We will also promote LGBT human rights and ensure America's foreign policy is inclusive of LGBT people around the world."

Many friends have asked me since my return, what was the highlight of the convention that was my favorite. Well, in all truthfulness, it began at the opening gavel on Monday and ended at the closing gavel Thursday Night. However, there were three things that emotionally moved me to tears; The "Mothers of the Movement", Rev. Dr. William C. Barber II, and Mr. and Mrs. Khizr Khan.

The General Election on November 8, 2016 is extremely important to our community because elections do have consequences. As tempting as it may be, I am not going to be so presumptuous as to tell you specifically how you should vote.

However, I would invite you to look at the platforms of the two political parties and compare them with regard to the possible ramifications for our LGBT family. I would also invite you to consider the potential for appointments to the Supreme Court, because those appointments would be generational and we would live with them for decades. Then in addition, there is the down ballot ticket for the State Legislature, Congress, and possibly county and city offices.

So when you go to the polls this November; carefully and intelligently consider each candidate or issue on the ballot and vote responsibly. Take the time to do your due diligence and be sure to sort out the hyperbole and assertions and fact check everything. Then when you vote, remember that your choices will affect all LGBT Pennsylvanians and LGBT Americans.

Joanne Carroll is the current President of TransCentral PA. TransCentral PA is committed to providing advocacy and caring support for transgender individuals, their significant others, families, friends and allies.



HRC's Sarah McBride was the first open trans person to speak at a major party convention.



Twenty-eight transgender-identified individuals attended the 2016 DNC. Columnist Joanne Carroll seated second from the left, second row. Formerly from Susquehanna Township, Mara Keisling, National Center for Transgender Equality, third row, far right. Dr. Rachel Levine, Pennsylvania's Physician General, also attended.

LGBT community center coalition



BY LOUIE MARVEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What's happening with nondiscrimination?

Over the course of the summer, nondiscrimination has been an increasingly hot topic in Pennsylvania's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender communities.

Rallies were held at the Capitol, with Equality Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Youth Congress bringing advocates together to call for an end to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the areas of employment, public accommodations, and housing.

A group that is against these measures being taken also held a rally at the Capitol to express their hopes that legislators will leave Pennsylvania as one of the 28 states in the US without protections for LGBT individuals in employment and housing, and one of 29 without protections in public accommodations. Another group protested this rally, exposing the rally's overt transphobic messages in particular.

Despite all of these actions, the messages coming from advocates, and subsequent news coverage, there remains a gap in understanding the state of nondiscrimination affairs in Pennsylvania. There is simply too much information for the casual observer to sort out.

Someone can be fired in Pennsylvania for being LGBT. Unless they live in one of the thirty-something municipalities that have passed local ordinances to prevent this. (In the mid-state, we have Lancaster City, York City, Harrisburg City, and Susquehanna Township. We may soon be able to add Carlisle Borough to that list.) And unless the company they work for has developed good policies and practices to protect against such discrimination.

We're woefully behind our neighbors, as the only state in the northeast without these kind of protections. (Except note that New Hampshire's nondiscrimination law is not trans-inclusive. Read up on where other states fall on these subjects at www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps/lgbt_populations.)

Our own community remains pretty confused about this state of affairs. The LGBT Center receives at least one phone call every week from someone wanting to know if they have recourse for the discrimination they have experienced.

Unfortunately, there is still a vocal minority of Pennsylvanians actively trying to stop our community from achieving equality on these fronts. They rally behind allegations that these advances amount to "special rights." But of course, at the current moment, non-LGBT people have special treatment, as they can work, find housing, and use public accommodations without discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

As a LGBT people and with our allies, let's get the message across that nondiscrimination in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations is needed to end that special treatment enjoyed by non-LGBT people.

The mission of the LGBT Center of Central PA is to create common ground for the LGBT community and allies in central Pennsylvania by providing services through educational, cultural, and community activities that foster wholeness.

Carlisle LGBT Protection *cont'd from page one*

A local petition has already garnered nearly 400 names in support of the city ordinance. Started by businesswoman Sarah Taby, owner of Miss Ruth's Time Bomb on High Street, named after her mother, tells *Central Voice* "I support equality. I want everyone to have the same privileges I have as a white, heterosexual woman".

About 25 other local businesses are supporting Taby with her efforts at having city council pass an LTGT protection law. The letter states their "unified support" of the ordinance and cites an Equality PA survey indicating that 75% of Pennsylvanians support the PA Fairness Act, which would provide statewide protections in housing and employment.

July 28, about 100 people gathered at a council meeting to discuss the ordinance.

"It's important that everyone have an equal opportunity to participate in the economic and social life of a community," Taby



Crampsie



Taby

says. The Carlisle ordinance poster art says "You're free to love here".

Tractions builds elsewhere in the state for civil rights laws.

Aug. 1, Wilkes-Barre Council member Beth Gilbert announced plans to introduce an LGBT-inclusive non-discrimination ordinance. Wilkes-Barre would be the last major city in Northeastern Pennsylvania to do so, following Scranton in 2003. Pittston and Dickson City have recently adopted non-discrimination ordinances as well.

In Southwestern Pennsylvania, Butler Council continues to debate a non-discrimination ordinance.

July 28 about 100 people attended a public discussion of the proposed ordinance. The meeting had to be moved to the Butler Fire Company Building to accommodate individuals who wanted to speak on the proposal.

Letter from business community supporting ordinance:

07/29/2016

Dear Carlisle Borough Council,

As independent small business owners we've invested our money, sweat, time, tears, and lives into the very foundation of the Carlisle community. Today we unite to inject our hearts and consciences into this same foundation. This letter represents our unified support for the Carlisle Borough's Non-Discrimination Ordinance. We haven't built strong, vibrant, independent businesses through including only some and disregarding the rest. Instead when we flip our signs to, "Yes we're open" we welcome every race, religion, ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation through our doors. This is how we've built flourishing businesses and this is how we're going to further build-up the Carlisle community!

Sadly, these inclusive sentiments do not legally protect our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning (LGBTQ) citizens from discrimination in all areas of Pennsylvania and throughout our country. Currently 34 municipalities in Pennsylvania, 22 states, and Washington DC have passed anti-discrimination legislation that extends protection to LGBTQ citizens. Despite 75% of our state residents supporting the PA Fairness Act, which would fully protect LGBTQ citizens from discrimination, it has yet to pass.

However, Carlisle, Pennsylvania does not have to stay complicit in the blatant inequalities that exist for our LGBTQ residents, including living with the threat of knowing their jobs, housing, and their dignity to participate in commerce could be ripped from them because someone takes offense to their gender identity and/or sexual orientation. We have the opportunity and the power to decide that in our community everyone is deserving of the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Just as our businesses are creating inclusive spaces, so can Carlisle, PA. We urge you to be ethical, empathic, and loving. Please stand on the right side of history with us and pass the Non-Discrimination Ordinance so that the Borough of Carlisle, just like our own businesses, can hold its doors wide open and exclaim, "Yes we're open"!

making sense of life

By DR. TERRY DREW KARANEN



The Path of Gratitude

Are you a grateful person? An immediate answer might be, Yes!" accompanied by a look that says, "You have to ask? How dare you? To be ungrateful is inexcusable!"

But are we really grateful for everything in our lives? Being thankful or appreciative is not the first thought that occurs to us when stopped by a police officer, if we're fired from a job, dealing with a serious medical condition or mourning the loss of a spouse. No. Not immediately or even close at those times.

Later, perhaps, we may find a blessing of some kind in most of the tragedies or challenges in our lives. Seeing situations in retrospect after we've risen above the initial anger, shock or disbelief gives us perspective not readily available when we are in the midst of the circumstance.

One could argue that trying to immediately make something good out of tragedy is not advisable from the perspective of our mental health. If we are firm in our faith that there is a higher purpose in all things it makes it much easier to take care of our mental and emotional anguish by admitting and dealing with the emotions that come naturally to us in our human forms.

Whether we find any good in what we judge bad, either at the time or later, is an intensely personal decision.

Whether we find any good in what we judge bad, either at the time or later, is an intensely personal decision. Gratitude for serious situations seems counterintuitive to many people. In the case of someone passing, it can seem almost disrespectful and unloving. This is why our decision to recognize or find gratitude or to choose not to do so around tragedy is something for us to decide for ourselves. What is unloving in times like these is to force our opinions on others with regard to how they need to act or process their emotions. Our only course of action for us should be to love, support and comfort.

Some of our emotions, if left unchecked, can morph into drama. You know the drill. Some seemingly insignificant situation happens and someone starts screaming like a banshee, crying uncontrollably or becomes catatonic. It can leave us as well as the person whose experiencing the intense feelings thinking, What in the world just happened?

When this occurs it is what is sometimes called a "stack attack." Have you ever been cleaning off a bookshelf, started stacking all the books on the floor, when suddenly the last one you placed on top of the pile caused a rather loud landslide as all the volumes went crashing to the floor? (If you aren't a voracious reader substitute pancakes. One of those analogies should work for you.)

The last book (or pancake) wasn't really the problem was it? Truth be told, the stack of whatever we're stacking most likely tumbled down because it became a bit unstable a few items back. The stack fell over because we ignored the warning signs. Or, perhaps our thoughts were somewhere other than on the stacking of the books (or pancakes) and we simply weren't watching what we were doing.

This can happen in our lives when, instead of looking for the good around us, we are "waiting for the other shoe to drop." We might think of this as the "Eeyore Complex." If you're not familiar with Eeyore, he's the sad little donkey in the Winnie the Pooh stories whose tail literally keeps falling off. "Yes, it's sunny, but it could rain any minute and ruin the day." You get the picture.

Of course, looking for the good can have its own pitfalls. The antithesis to Eeyore is the Pollyanna Syndrome, named after the little girl who found something good in everything all the time. As with most things in life, there is no always. Some days we may away feeling depressed or sad for no apparent reason. Other days we'll leap out of bed assured that we can slay dragons and rule the world. Most days we may experience all the sensations and expressions of life in between the two.

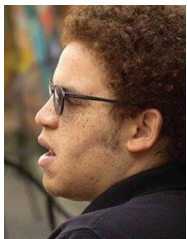
The question then becomes, Am I expecting my life to work (good) or do I constantly anticipate disaster (bad)? My late father led his life expecting the worst with a myriad of contingency plans should his plans go south. He said that way he was always prepared and never disappointed. Fortunately, my mother provided the balance. And, yes, I was raised by Eeyore and Pollyanna, which explains a lot I suppose.

So must we always "look for the good?" Perhaps not. Good and bad are human judgments. At the end of any war there are those who feel it was bad (those who lost the war) and another group that feels it was a good war (they won, of course). Instead of looking for the good, what would it be like if we expected the good and gave thanks for it even before we benefited from it?

If the latter is a new concept to you, may I suggest you give it a shot? Move forward in life looking for success, expecting the best and knowing you have the tools within you to handle life in amazing ways.

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ANALYSIS: Is North Carolina's HB 2 Legal?



BY CHRIS THOMAS
SPECIAL TO
CENTRAL VOICE

Greenville, North
Carolina - Since North
Carolina's House Bill
was signed into law
March 22, the mea-

sure's merits and flaws have been endlessly
debated.

The new law's financial impact is still
not known, though the state may end losing
millions of dollars due to cancelled events,
including the NBA's 2017 All Star Game.

That said, the underlying question: Is
HB 2 constitutional?

No other question is more important
to the 10 million people across this state.
One aspect of the bill is a fixed minimum
wage. For North Carolina's estimated
336,000 LGBT persons, the exclusion of
gender identity and sexual orientation are
front and center, although gay individuals
are affected, like everyone else, by the fixed
minimum wage.

A quick review

Let's review what the law actually
includes, especially since there's been a
change in the lineup since its passing.
At press time, HB 2 - also known as the
"Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act" -
includes:

The infamous "bathroom bill" sec-
tion: requiring single sex, multiple occu-
pancy bathrooms and changing facilities
in government-run facilities, including
public schools (including colleges and uni-
versities) unless a single-stall, unisex option
is made available.

A clarified list of classes protected by
the state's anti-discrimination statutes in
public places. "Biological sex" is explicitly
catalogued while gender identity and sexual
orientation are omitted.

Fixes the state minimum wage at
the national level (\$7.25/hour) for most,
private sector employees (wages are less for
certain groups, including full-time stu-
dents, seasonal employees, employees over
the age of 65, and people who are disabled).
That means individual municipalities can-
not raise their minimum wage, like Seattle
and Berkeley, CA have done over the past
few years. The bill also forbids cities and

counties from setting special provisions for
contractors.

The original version of the law
stripped workers of their ability to sue over
employee discrimination in state court, but
that prohibition was repealed earlier this
summer.

To its detractors, HB 2 is an egregious
affront to civil rights.

Lambda Legal and the ACLU are
headliners on the plaintiff's list in a lawsuit
challenging the bill. Its supporters - includ-
ing a majority of state lawmakers - have
hailed it as a victory for security and safety
for North Carolina's most vulnerable resi-
dents and visitors.

All caught up? Alright - let's get to the
good stuff.

Dillon's Rule: HB 2's Best Shot

Federalism is a tricky thing. It gets
even trickier when we're dealing with local
forms of government (county, municipal,
town, village, hamlet, etc.). After all, local
governments aren't mentioned in the U.S.
Constitution. But states are - specifically in
the 10th Amendment.

"The powers not delegated to the
United States by the Constitution, nor
prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to
the states respectively, or to the people."

While the nation is under a common,
legal umbrella, state governments still wield
an immense amount of power. No more so
than in Dillon's Rule states (North Caro-
lina) and commonwealths (Pennsylvania).

What's a Dillon's Rule state? Well,
in short, "local governments are creatures
of the state," said Carmine Scarvo, po-
litical science professor at East Carolina
University here in Greenville. "Meaning
local governments can only do what state
government allows them to do."

*The rule came into play when Har-
risburg Hope, convened by Alan Kennedy-
Shaffer, hosted state legislators to discuss city
debt and the then proffered recovery plan.
Then-State Rep. Glenn Grell explained to an
overflow audience that "municipalities are
not autonomous. Most people think they are,
but they're not."*

The 10th Amendment, which allows
for state autonomy, has been a force for
progressive causes like child labor and
women's suffrage. More than 20 states had
abolished slavery before it was officially

outlawed nationwide by the 13th Amend-
ment.

But it's most often cited for more
conservative stances. North Carolina
invoked its Dillon Rule privileges through
HB 2 after the City of Charlotte passed an
ordinance in February, preventing private
businesses from discriminating against
LGBT persons. That included the right
to use the bathroom aligning with one's
gender identity.

While some may see it as partisan -
maybe even underhanded - that action in
it of itself is legal and an effective way for
North Carolina's state legislature to assert its
sovereignty over rogue municipalities.

"House Bill 2, basically, is designed
to accomplish one main thing," said Mitch
Kokai of the libertarian leaning John Locke
Foundation. "And that is to reign in local
governments that have taken steps that go
beyond their authority as per the way the
North Carolina government is set up."

The John Locke Foundation has no
official stance on the law.

Scarvo sees this less as a matter of law
and order than as state conservatives flex-
ing their muscles. North Carolina gained a
reputation as one of the more progressive
southern states in the union for decades
before taking control of both, state, legisla-
tive houses six years ago - part of a second
"Republican Revolution" seen across the
nation.

"This is a political controversy,"
Scarvo emphasized. "The larger issue of
how the State of North Carolina is treating
local government is also a political con-
troversy. The General Assembly, since...the
majority became Republican in 2010 has
basically decided that local governments, in
particular municipal governments in North
Carolina, have been kind of taken over by
liberals. And, it's taking some of the power
back from those local governments in order
to show them 'hey, we're in charge, and this
is a conservative state and we're not going
to allow you to do things to advance a
liberal agenda.'"

Defining 14

If HB 2's strengths lie in the law, so
may its most fatal weakness. We go to the
Constitution once more, to article 1 of the
14th Amendment. It's also known as the
"Equal Protection Clause."

"All persons born or naturalized in
the United States, and subject to the juris-
diction thereof, are citizens of the United
States and of the state wherein they reside.
No state shall make or enforce any law
which shall abridge the privileges or immu-
nities of citizens of the United States; nor
shall any state deprive any person of life,
liberty, or property, without due process of
law; nor deny to any person within its juris-
diction the equal protection of the laws."

"It gives all Americans the right, who
are similarly situated, to be treated the same
way," explains Mary-Rose Papandrea, law
professor at the University of North Caro-
lina at Chapel Hill. "It prohibits...any sort of
classification that is irrational, for treating
people differently for no good reason."

Indeed, the 14th Amendment has
been a key ally for the LGBT community
over the past 20 years. *Romer v. Evans*
(1996) put the kibosh on laws specifically
targeting the community, which set the
foundation for *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003)
that invalidated the remaining sodomy laws
in the U.S. Most recently, in *Obergefell v.*
Hodges (2015), it helped sway a majority of
judges to rule same-sex marriage is legal.

So, hey! Open and shut case here. No
way this stands in court, right? Well -

"There's also, under the 'Equal
Protection Clause...' classifications that are
based on certain characteristics, like race
and gender, for example, have to pass an
even heightened level of scrutiny," Papan-
drea said. "They have to have a really, really
good reason to be constitutional."

Papandrea said the court has yet
to declare whether gender expression or
sexual orientation also fall under that
category - called "strict scrutiny" - or if the
community falls under the lower "Rational
Basis Test."

"So, we're left still to guess what the
court would do," Papandrea said. "Notwith-
standing the big, blockbuster decision last
year with 'Obergefell.'"

We seem to be on our way to that
now. A trial date, Nov. 14, has been set by a
federal judge, Thomas Schroeder. But until
then - we wait.

*Photo of Chris Thomas by Abbey Mercan-
do, originally published in The Daily Reflector of
Greenville, NC.*

If You Act Up *continued from page one*

50 some nights. More than 125 people attended their June 17 Orlando Vigil. The organization introduced Spectrum Chat, an anonymous, online messaging system through which individuals can make contact with Alliance board members.

Use of the app has bridged gaps.

"I've met individuals and talked one-on-one and then later accompanied them to our meetings," Kelly says. He stresses the level of fear many people feel in smaller, rural Pennsylvania communities.

"Our meetings immediately focused on the needs of those attending," Waldrab says. "We jumped right in with housing issues, where to find friendly counseling, which faith communities are 'welcoming,' and young folks thrown out by parents because of their sexuality," he explains.

"Right off, our meetings told us the community needs support and a safe space," Kelly says. The group is also starting a purely "social" evening "which is as important as our other work," Waldrab notes.

They credit visibility with their sudden success.

"The media, including *Central Voice*, gave our mission much needed exposure. Everyone now knows we're here and what we do," Waldrab says.

With the start of school this Fall, the Alliance will start a dialogue with the Montoursville School District's Student Assistance Program, the umbrella under which student programs operate. "We're looking to start a safe space for LGBT students," Waldrab says. "It all starts with sitting down in a quiet, respectful way and talking to one another," he says. Informal.

Next

Like any fast growing organization, the Alliance is poised to evolve its governance structure.

"We need working committees for programs people have said they want. That takes dedicated individuals to come forward," Waldrab says. A resource center is on the horizon. "We're being cautious but it's realistic, a small space for meetings, a central repository for resources. The pent up need has been unleashed," Waldrab observes.

At Alliance's second fundraiser held July 30 \$900 was raised. "Tickets were \$5, local businesses and artists kicked in what we needed," Kelly says. The event will support surgical procedures for transsexual individuals making their transition. The first event was informal. "My friends got together last year and raised \$1,500 for my 'top surgery'," Kelly explains. This year, alliance selected Quinten Foster from five applicants to be the recipient of funds to

support his transition.

"We've got lots of work to do," Waldrab concludes.

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Friday each month, Way Cool Beans Coffeehouse, Pajama Factory, 1307 Park Ave., Williamsport - <http://thespectrumalliance.org>

EFFECTS OF VICTIMIZATION AND PERCEIVED DISCRIMINATION ON LGBT STUDENTS

Prepared by Kristopher Waldrab, Vice President, The Spectrum Alliance of Williamsport. Used April 26 in a presentation before the Montoursville School District.

Presence of Negativity Toward LGBT+ Students in Schools

Anti-LGBT Remarks at School:

- 71.4% of LGBT students heard "gay" used in a negative way. 90.8% reported that they felt distressed because of it. ^[7]

- 64.5% of LGBT students heard other homophobic remarks (such as "dyke" or "faggot") frequently or often. ^[7]

- 56.4% heard negative remarks about gender expression (not masculine enough, not feminine enough) frequently. ^[7]

- 51.4% of LGBT students reported hearing homophobic remarks from teachers and other school staff. 55.5% reported hearing negative remarks about gender expression from teachers and other school staff. ^[7]

Harassment in Schools:

- 74.1% of LGBT students were verbally harassed because of their sexual orientation. 55.5% of LGBT students were verbally harassed because of their gender expression. ^[7]

- 36.2% of LGBT students were physically harassed because of their sexual orientation. ^[7]

- 16.5% of LGBT students were physically assaulted. ^[7]

- 56.7% of LGBT students that were harassed or assaulted did not report it. ^[7]

- 61.6% that did report said school officials did nothing in response. ^[7]

School Safety:

- 55.5% if LGBT students felt unsafe at school because of their sexual orientation, and 37.8% because of their gender expression. ^[7]

- 30.3% of LGBT students missed at least an entire day of school in the past month because they felt unsafe or uncomfortable, and over a tenth (10.6%) missed four or more days in the past month because they felt unsafe or uncomfortable. ^[7]

- Over one-third avoided gender segregated places (bathrooms and locker rooms) because they felt uncomfortable. ^[7]

- A recent review of the research identified 19 studies linking suicidal behavior in lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) adolescents to bullying at school, especially among young people with "cross-gender appearance, traits, or behaviors." ^{[4][8]}

Quinten Foster Is Spectrum Alliance Benefit Recipient

BY CENTRAL VOICE

Lycoming County's Spectrum Alliance's second fundraiser July 30 raised \$900.

The event supports surgical procedures for transgender individuals making their transition, according to Spectrum president Kai Kelly. Quinten Foster was selected from five applicants to be this year's recipient of the funds.

Foster shares his journey with *Central Voice*.

Who is Quinten Foster?

"I just turned 20 and have been an independent student, a psychology and Spanish major, since arriving at Lycoming College two years ago," he says. He would like to become a disability services coordinator, "to help students with disabilities succeed in school."

Foster is well known in his region's activist circles.

"I push for social justice and human rights for minority communities. I am active in the LGBT community, as well as the disability community," he explains.

"I have a core belief in helping people and a passion for education, which is why activism is both a job and a hobby for me," Foster says. He wants to enjoy his work "and pass on that passion to others." His core belief is what led Foster to participate in Lycoming College's Gender and Sexuality Alliance. He also coordinated the college's new Equality Affinity Community Housing last year.

When did Foster's transition journey begin?

"I like to say my journey started at birth," he says, looking at life "as an ever-changing journey of getting to know yourself and the world around you." Similarly, he has evolved to thinking that identity is fluid.

"I like to say my journey started at birth..."

"You may identify as single for months, and then something in your world changes and so does your identity. It works the same with gender or sexuality," Foster says. Someone may identify as female since birth "and one day become exposed to information and support surrounding the LGBT community and realize that there are other options and 'female' doesn't fit their identity."

Foster first seriously thought about transitioning in high school.

"As a kid, I always knew I was different and wasn't sure why I was pressured into doing things that didn't make sense to me, or made me uncomfortable, like wearing dresses and frills," he remembers.

When he realized he wanted to transition, he felt unable to act because of his family's views. "I felt unsafe even coming out until I moved eight hours away to college." Foster moved from Chesapeake, VA.

He had the support of his then-girlfriend, but for the most part he began his transition alone. Foster continued that way until after he was kicked out of his mother's



Quinten Foster

home. At that point he'd made friends at the college. And his core beliefs came into play again. "Because I chose to have a public transition, I have become a resource for not only many of my cisgender friends, classmates, and professors, but more importantly for a handful of closeted transgender individuals who wanted information and support before coming out," Foster says.

Like the backstory of Spectral Alliance - speaking out in public - Foster has made a difference for himself and others "because I made noise. I made people pay attention," he says. Often people "don't put time into learning. Speaking out brought up gender related concerns to the college and surrounding community."

Foster says it is important to recognize that there are more than two genders. "There's a multitude of genders on a spectrum," he points out. "We need to normalize asking for someone's pronouns when you are introduced, and to openly share your pronouns when introducing yourself," Foster says, adding "there are more options than 'he' and 'she'."

Many people don't realize, he notes, that such a simple behavior change can help the person you're talking to feel safe and respected. "We can set off a chain reaction in other people and eventually change the societal norm."

What about you as a person?

"For me, Spectrum Alliance is hope," Foster says. The organization, he says, "is a beacon of light for our community, accepting of people from all walks of life, ages, genders, sexualities, ability levels, and socioeconomic status. Spectrum gives me hope for the future of the local LGBT community," Foster says.



More than 125 people gathered in Williamsport June 17 for Spectrum Alliance's Orlando Vigil.

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2300 Linglestown Rd.

Presenter:

Michael Page, MD
7 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

**Breast Density
and Cancer Risk:
What is the
Relationship?**

Camp Hill Giant
3301 Trindle Rd.

Presenters:

Theresa Lee, MD
Kit Lu, MD
7 p.m.

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TUESDAY

**The Link
Between HPV
and Head and
Neck Cancer**

Linglestown Giant
2300 Linglestown Rd.

Presenters:

Irina Veytsman, MD
James Malone, MD
7 p.m.

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THURSDAY

**Ask a
Spine Expert**

Linglestown Giant
2300 Linglestown Rd.

Presenters:

Panelists from the
PinnacleHealth
Spine Institute
7 p.m.

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THURSDAY

**Defeating
Lung Cancer
with Early
Detection and
Treatment**

Camp Hill Giant
3301 Trindle Rd.

Presenters:

Troy Moritz, DO
Irina Veytsman, MD
David Weksberg, MD
7 p.m.

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